

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on March 25, 2011 at 9:00 AM, in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. John Esp (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Sandra Sullivan, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 603, 3/24/2011

Executive Action Taken: HB 603, HB 14

HEARING ON HB 603**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:30 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 603, Provide for Public Charter Schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:21 Debra Lamm, Montana Family Foundation

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph67a01)

00:07:19 Teresa Lode, Parent

00:07:30 Rep. Schmidt arrived.

00:07:52 Kirk Miller, Parent

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:15 Denise Pizzini, Montana Teachers Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph67a02)

00:14:23 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:21:56 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:25:56 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

00:27:44 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana

Informational Testimony:

00:29:39 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:51 Rep. Beck

00:31:19 Rep. Blasdel

00:31:23 Rep. Beck

00:31:40 Rep. Blasdel

00:32:05 Ms. Lamm

00:32:36 Rep. Beck

00:32:56 Ms. Lamm

00:33:02 Rep. Gibson

00:34:01 Rep. Blasdel

00:34:40 Rep. Gibson

00:35:12 Rep. Blasdel

00:36:09 Rep. Gibson

00:36:19 Rep. Blasdel

00:37:33 Rep. Esp

00:37:44 Rep. Blasdel

00:37:45 Rep. Esp

00:37:48 Rep. Blasdel

00:38:22 Rep. Esp

00:38:32	Rep. Blasdel
00:39:07	Rep. Esp
00:39:55	Rep. Blasdel
00:40:54	Rep. Esp
00:41:07	Rep. Blasdel
00:41:11	Rep. Esp
00:41:44	Rep. Blasdel
00:42:03	Rep. Cook
00:42:39	Ms. Lamm
00:43:19	Rep. Cook
00:43:53	Ms. Lamm
00:44:53	Rep. Cook
00:45:12	Ms. Lamm
00:45:56	Rep. Cook
00:46:08	Rep. Blasdel
00:46:53	Rep. Cook
00:47:01	Rep. Blasdel
00:48:40	Rep. Hiner
00:49:14	Rep. Blasdel
00:49:39	Rep. Hiner
00:49:49	Rep. Blasdel
00:49:59	Ms. Lamm
00:50:42	Rep. Hiner
00:51:02	Ms. Lamm
00:51:20	Rep. Hiner
00:51:30	Ms. Lamm
00:51:46	Rep. Mehlhoff
00:52:22	Rep. Blasdel
00:53:20	Rep. Mehlhoff
00:53:47	Rep. Blasdel
00:54:33	Rep. Burnett
00:56:00	Rep. Blasdel
00:56:07	Rep. Edmunds
00:56:42	Mr. Miller
00:57:53	Rep. Edmunds
00:58:17	Ms. Lamm
00:58:30	Rep. Roberts
00:58:46	Rep. Blasdel
00:59:42	Rep. Roberts
01:00:21	Rep. Blasdel
01:00:55	Rep. Brodehl
01:01:24	Mr. Parman, OPI
01:01:57	Rep. Brodehl
01:02:05	Mr. Parman
01:02:22	Rep. Brodehl
01:02:25	Mr. Parman
01:02:28	Rep. Brodehl
01:02:44	Ms. Pizzini, TRS
01:05:26	Rep. Brodehl
01:06:01	Rep. Blasdel

01:06:31 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:07:45 Rep. Blasdel
01:08:58 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:09:19 Rep. Blasdel

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:58 Rep. Blasdel

01:11:45 Mr. Coles
01:13:37 Chairman McNutt
01:13:52 Meeting recessed.
01:14:02 Meeting resumed.
01:14:10 Rep. McNutt
01:14:12 Meeting recessed.
01:14:18 Meeting resumed. All members returned except Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Beck and Rep. Sesso.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 603

01:15:21 **Motion:** Rep. Esp moved that **HB 603 DO PASS.**

01:15:35 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 603 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(aph67a03)

Discussion:

01:16:18 Rep. Brodehl
01:17:12 Rep. Hiner
01:17:38 Rep. Brodehl
01:17:49 Rep. Hiner
01:17:49 Rep. Brodehl
01:18:08 Rep. Hiner
01:18:15 Rep. Brodehl
01:18:44 Rep. Hiner
01:18:45 Mr. Moe
01:19:29 Rep. Schmidt
01:19:51 Rep. Brodehl
01:20:19 Rep. Schmidt
01:20:36 Rep. Brodehl
01:21:06 Rep. Schmidt
01:21:43 Repl. Brodehl
01:22:46 Rep. Belcourt
01:23:21 Rep. Brodehl

01:23:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 20-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Hiner voting no. Rep. Beck, Rep. Cuffe and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy.

01:24:44 **Motion:** Rep. Esp moved that **HB 603 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:24:52 Rep. Schmidt
01:25:17 Rep. Brodehl
01:25:38 Rep. Schmidt
01:27:02 Rep. Mehlhoff

01:30:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Beck, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Edmunds, Rep. Ehli, Rep. Esp, Rep. McNutt and Rep. Osmundson voting aye. Rep. Beck, Rep. Cuffe and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy.

01:32:28 **Motion:** Rep. Esp moved that **HB 603 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED** without objection.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 14

01:33:05 **Motion:** Rep. McChesney moved that **HB 14 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:33:27 Rep. McChesney

01:34:10 **Motion:** Rep. Hiner moved that **HB 14 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(aph67a04)**Discussion:**

01:34:45 Rep. Hiner
01:35:45 Mr. Moe
01:36:14 Rep. Belcourt
01:36:36 Rep. Gibson
01:37:08 Rep. Beck returned.

01:37:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Ankney, Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Ehli, Rep. Gibson and Rep. Osmundson voting no. Rep. Cuffe and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy.

01:38:43 **Motion:** Rep. Hiner moved that **HB 14 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:38:50 Rep. Gibson
01:39:27 Rep. Hiner
01:39:46 Rep. Gibson
01:40:34 Rep. Schmidt
01:40:52 Rep. Gibson
01:41:51 Rep. Menahan
01:42:18 Chairman McNutt
01:42:51 Rep. Menahan
01:43:46 Rep. Gibson

01:44:01 Rep. Esp
01:44:44 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:45:31 Rep. Hiner
01:46:15 Rep. Esp
01:46:37 Rep. McChesney

01:47:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Beck, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Edmunds, Rep. Esp, Rep. Hiner, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Roberts, Rep. Schmidt and Rep. Sesso voting aye. Rep. Cuffe and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy.

01:48:23 **Motion:** Rep. Esp moved that **HB 14 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED** without objection.

01:48:43 Rep. Hiner
01:49:31 Chairmen McNutt

ADJOURNMENT

01:50:31 Adjournment: 22:56:53

Sandra Sullivan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph67aad.pdf](#))